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Committee assignments are now complete (1st run, anyway) for House and Senate. The House committee make-up is attached. The Senate is available at the URL below which is a press release from Senate President Jeff Atwater. Our delegation will have solid representation on healthcare and seniors' issues, but, for the first time since at least 1996, we have no one from PBC in the Senate on education and, in the House, Kevin Rader will be on the Community College/workforce ed committee, but we've no one from PBC on K-12 education. We'll be relying a lot on legislative leadership, which PBC does have (Sen. Atwater and Rep. Hasner), and lawmakers from Broward and Dade counties to help carry our message.

Senate Education meets tomorrow morning and the full Senate gets briefed on the budget situation tomorrow afternoon 1-4pm. That should be carried over the web via www.fsu.org, Florida Channel. House committees meet next week.

We met briefly with President Atwater today who reaffirmed the coming months and next year are something the state has not seen before to this extent (\$2.2B short this year and \$3.8B more next). He was very open, through Senate Ed Chair Nancy Detert, to get ideas on what laws/costs can be waived, curtailed, mitigated. Please use the attached two works-in-progress sheets that some of us lobbyists have been developing for any realistic thoughts you may have and let me know. It's all but a foregone conclusion class size reduction will remain at the school average next year.

Nothing official yet on a special session. I think there's a lot of work needed to reach agreement among the chambers' leadership and the Governor before one is convened, still likely next month.

And finally, for those of you "bill lovers," our first tracking chart will be forwarded this week for your reading and review pleasure.

Vern

Senate Committees:

http://www.flsenate.gov/cgi-bin/View_Page.pl?Tab=legislators&Submenu=1&File=120308.html&Directory=legislators/senate/025/pres/s/